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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: John I. Shipp et al. ) Confirmation No.: 8851  
Serial No.: 10/619,987 )  
Filed: June 12, 2003 ) Group Art Unit: 3731  
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

In reply to the Final Office Action ("Office Action") of November 17, 2008, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, the Applicant proposes that this application be amended as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.